

State Commission on Juvenile Justice Minutes

January 24, 2008, 9:30am – 12:00pm
1515 S Street, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95823

Commission Members in Attendance

Bernard Warner, Tri-Chair
Penelope Clarke, Tri-Chair
Don Meyer, Tri-Chair
Javier Stauring
Honorable Kurt Kumli
Hubert Walsh
David Steinhart
Dr. William Arroyo
Suzanne Cline

Others in Attendance

Eleanor Silva
Karen Pank
Jane Pfeifer
Alison Anderson
Chris Murray
Tamar Foster
Carole D'clia
Marcus Nieto
Rosie Lamb
Monica Aguilera
Kathy Prizmich
Marlon Yarber
Jermica Peters
Maria Gayton

Introduction of Members

All members were welcomed to the first organizational meeting to discuss legislative mandates, structure of Commission, and expectations.

Commission's Organizational/Structure Issues

Three positions on the commission are yet to be filled:

- A county sheriff, designated by the statewide organization representing sheriffs.
- A manager or administrator of a county local detention facility for juveniles, appointed by the Governor.
- An individual who represents the interest of crime victims, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

The meeting was facilitated by Tri- Chair, Mr. Warner and it was decided that the Tri-Chairs will rotate facilitating each months meeting. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month. February 2008 meeting will held on Wednesday, February 27, due to a conflict with the Little Hoover Commission Meeting.

Overview of Bagley Keene Act

Amy Alley, staff counsel for CDCR, gave an overview of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The Act requires state boards and commissions to publicly notice their meetings, prepare agendas, accept public testimony and conduct their meetings in public unless specifically authorized by the act to meet in closed session.

Ms. Alley discussed the following topics:

- Government Code Section 11123-Open Meeting Requirements
- Government Code Section 11126-Closed Meetings
- Public Access to Meetings
- Exceptions to Public Access
- Agenda Changes and Postings
- Sub-Committees and Task Force
- Work Products (public access)
- Reasons/Requirements for Special and Emergency Meetings
- Internet Postings
- Standing Meeting Notices for the year

Ms. Alley distributed “A Handy Guide to The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act”, Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and the Department of Consumer Affairs Memorandum regarding Public Meetings (Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act).

Shared Expectations of Members

A round table discussion developed over each member’s expectations and overview of this Commission’s tasks and timeframes as well as the current impact of the population shift created by Senate Bill 81/Assembly Bill 191.

The Commission discussed the overall population shift and the dialogue that has been opened between the state and county as well as the attention it has brought to the difficult to serve youth population.

Concerns were also raised regarding the ability of the counties to house the youth, but lack of ability to provide programs for the youth at the county level.

The importance of ensuring input from stakeholders not represented on the Commission was discussed and agreed that the input of others was critical to the Commission’s tasks. It was noted that there is not a education representative on the Commission.

In order to assist the Commission in completing their tasks, it was requested that copies of each county’s Juvenile Justice Development Plans be provided to the Commission in order to review and consider when completing the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan.

The Commission and others also discussed the concerns raised by stakeholders regarding the implementation of SB81/AB191 as some have expressed that the plans and funding should have been in place prior to actual population shift.

Budget

The funding language for the State Commission from the State's Final Budget Summary was shared with the group and discussed.

Mr. Warner proposed the possibility of contracting with juvenile justice expert Chris Murray to work with the Commission to prepare the report, along with three sub-consultants. Chris Murray's resume was also shared with the group and Chris Murray was in attendance at the meeting. Also provided to the Commission was a list of other potential consultants to work alongside Chris Murray.

Mr. Meyer also proposed the possibility of contracting with Jane Pfeifer, criminal justice consultant, currently a consultant for the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) organization, and distributed her resume to the Commission. Mr. Meyer also shared a proposed scope of work for Commission staff, including a Project Director, Project Manager and clerical and logistical support.

Judge Kumli made a motion to appoint Chris Murray as Project Director, working alongside with Jane Pfeifer, Karen Hennigan, and Kathy Gookin as sub-consultants. (Karen Hennigan and Kathy Gookin were names chosen from the list of individuals provided by Mr. Warner.)

Mr. Walsh seconded the motion.

Mr. Warner called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. Mr. Warner then stated that all were in agreement to move forward in executing the contract with Chris Murray and the three sub-consultants.

It was clarified that Chris Murray, as Project Director, will receive direction from the Commission, although under a contract executed by the Division of Juvenile Justice.

At the next scheduled meeting, it was agreed that Chris would present a work plan, including the scope of work of each of the other three sub-consultants, as well as an overview of each qualifications and proposed compensation.

Topics for next month's agenda

- Presentation of work plan by Chris Murray
- Juvenile Justice Data Project presentation by Karen Hennigan of Center for Research on Crime, University of Southern California
- Overview of SB 81/AB191 implementation, including funding issues
- Summary of county's Juvenile Justice Development Plans
- Construction Funding Project Presentation by Corrections Standards Authority
- Presentation by Steve Os, Washington State Principal
- Discussion on additional stakeholders
- Report out on CPOC Symposium

Closing Remarks

All Commission members agreed to hold the next meeting February 27th, 2008 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at 1515 S Street Room 502, Sacramento, CA.

All members also agreed to hold all future meetings every fourth Thursday of each month for the remainder of the year. The meeting locations may vary based upon decisions from the Tri-Chairs. The meetings will occur from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.